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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM FOR FY76: GROUP
ELECTION YEAR PROGRAMS FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN
AREA

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1. POST CONFIRMS PARTICIPATION OMAR HENRY VELASCO AND
ALBERTO BETANCOURT IN GROUP ELECTION YEAR PROGRAM BEGINNING
MAY 17 FOR OREGON PRIMARY AND CONTINUING TO CALIFORNIA
PRIMARY. JORGE CARRILLO INDICATES HE WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL
EARLIER. WHAT IS PROSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING HIM
IN GROUP BEGINNING APRIL 26 FOR ILLINOIS OR HIS JOINING
PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY GROUP ON APRIL 21? COLOMBIAN
ELECTIONS SCHEDULED APRIL 18 SO CANNOT LEAVE EARLIER.

2. FULL BIODATA OMAR HENRY VELASCO: PRESENT POSITION:
REPRESENTATIVE, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; MEMBER LIBERAL
PARTY; PROFESSION-LAWYER. PAST POSITIONS:
MUNICIPAL JUDGE IN CITIES SANTANDER AND POPAYAN;
LEGAL ADVISOR, UNIVERSITY OF CAUCA; MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
POPAYAN; MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF CAUCA ASSEMBLY, DATE,
PLACE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 16, 1936, POPAYAN, CAUCA,
COLOMBIA. COLOMBIAN. MALE. MARRIED. EMERGENCY NAME:
NUBIA CHAVEZ DE VELASCO (WIFE), URBANIZACION SANTA INES,
CALLE 9A NO. 1AE-18 POPAYAN, TELEPHONE 2086.
EDUCATION: B. A., LAW, UNIVERSITY OF CAUCA.
PUBLICATIONS: AGRARIAN REFORM IN COLOMBIA (ARTICLE);
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PROBLEM OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF CAUCA (ARTICLE). PREVIOUS TRAVEL:
MEXICO, U. S. AS TOURIST.

3. ALBERTO BETANCOURT VISA PENDING. POST ANTICIPATES NO
DIFFICULTY. RECOMMENDED FOR IV BECAUSE BETANCOURT
WAS FORMERLY PRESIDENT YOUNG COMMUNIST GROUP, IS NOW
ACTIVE YOUNG VOICE IN LIBERAL PARTY. OPEN, FORTHCOMING,
VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN U. S. ACTIVITIES IN ECOLOGY.
DOES NOT KNOW U. S. FIRST HAND. POST BELIEVES THIS
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM.

4. JORGE CARRILLO ROJAS, QUESTION 4: TRAVEL ABROAD:
PUERTO RICO, U. S., MEXICO, 1962, LABOR UNION
TRAINING PROGRAM; COSTA RICA, 1964, INTERNATIONAL
LABOR SEMINAR; PERU, 1964, MEETING ON COOPERATIVE
SOCIETIES; SWITZERLAND, 1964, 1970, INTERNATIONAL LABOR
CONFERENCES, U. S. 1971, LABOR LEADER GRANT.
QUESTION 5: U. S. GRANT. CARRILLO RECEIVED LABOR
LEADER GRANT FOR 33 DAYS IN AUGUST 1971. POST CONSIDERS
SECOND GRANT NECESSARY BECAUSE BETANCOURT HAS RISEN
STEADILY IN LABOR HIERARCHY, NOW FIRST VICE-
PRESIDENT UTC. ALSO IS LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER OF CHAMBER
OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE OF TWO LABOR VOICES ACTIVE
IN CONGRESS.
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